



# COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Thursday, November 21, 2024

**Time:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Zoom Meeting ID 782 455 4023

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Facilitator: Ann Germany

## **Board Members**

Ann Germany, Board Chair, Sr. Services North Fulton (Present)

Marsetta Ray, Past Chair, South Fulton Senior Center (Present)

Mary Blake, Chair Pro-Tem, At-Large (Present)

Stephanie Fiber-Sutton, Member, District 1 (Present)

Beth Cayce, Member, District 2 (Present)

Vacant, District 3

Linda Adams, Member, District 4 (Present)

Dr. Sandra Wright, Member, District 5 (Absent)

Jill Lindsey, Member, District 6 (Absent/Excused)

Dwayne Johnson, Atlanta Housing Authority (Absent)

Tracie Grant, Member, Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority (Resigned)

Teresa Pearsall, Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority (Absent)

Ruth Lyles-Bailey, Parliamentarian (Present)

Ladisa Onyiliogwu, Department of Senior Services Secretary (non-voting)

## **Visitors and Staff**

One member from the public was present. Three (3) Senior Services staff were present.

- I. The regular monthly meeting of the Fulton County Commission on Elder Affairs (COEA) was held Thursday, November 21, 2024, virtually via Zoom, the Chair and Secretary being present. The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. Minutes were emailed to Commission on Elder Affairs members October 30, 2024. Minutes were read aloud. A motion was taken and seconded. The minutes were approved.
- II. Roll Call was taken. A quorum was achieved. Seven (7) Board Members were present; four (4) were absent; there is one (1) vacancy.
- III. A motivational comment was shared by the Chair.
- IV. Senior Services provided updates regarding the Senior Medicare Wellness Days and anticipated FY25 budget approval in January.
- V. Committee reports
  - a. Advocacy Committee – Marsetta Ray reported on a Trust Works presentation regarding estate planning for seniors. Committee members were encouraged to consider estate planning. The Chair asked that a speaker be invited to a future COEA meeting. Stephanie Fiber-Sutton informed COEA members that the Co-Age Athens meeting was cancelled and pending a rescheduled date.
  - b. Elder Abuse Committee – No report provided.
  - c. Dementia Education and Awareness Committee - Beth Cayce recapped information from the recent Dementia Friendly Fulton meeting minutes and informed members that Commissioner Ellis will attend the next meeting. COEA members were asked to attend and invite their Commissioners. Dementia Friendly Fulton updates were shared and Ms. Cayce recommended an integrated memory clinic speaker to attend a future COEA meeting.
  - d. Health and Wellness Committee – No report provided.
- VI. No guest speaker was on the November agenda.
- VII. Under unfinished business, COEA members reviewed the Bylaws. A motion was made by Marsetta Ray to amend and approve the Bylaws, seconded by Stephanie Fiber-Sutton. The motion was approved. The Chair requested for the Secretary to provide a copy of the attendance report to COEA

members.

- VIII. Under new business, the Chair opened the floor for officer nominations. Stephanie Fiber-Sutton nominated Ann Germany as Chair. Marsetta Ray moved to close nominations for Chair on set name of Ann Germany; seconded by Mary Blake. The motion was approved. A vote was taken, and Ann Germany was approved as Chair.

The Chair opened the floor for Vice Chair nominations. Ann Germany nominated Marsetta Ray as Vice Chair, seconded by Stephanie Fiber-Sutton. A motion to close nominations for Vice Chair was made by Mary Blake under set name; seconded by Stephanie Fiber-Sutton. The motion was approved. A vote was taken, and Marsetta Ray was approved as Vice Chair.

The Chair opened the floor for Chair pro-tem. Mary Blake nominated Stephanie Fiber-Sutton. A motion to close nominations for Chair pro-tem was made by Mary Blake under set name; seconded by Marsetta Ray. The motion was approved. A vote was taken, and Stephanie Fiber-Sutton was approved as Chair pro-tem.

The Chair opened the floor for Parliamentarian. Marsetta Ray nominated Ruth Lyles-Bailey as Parliamentarian. A motion was made to close nominations under set name by Marsetta Ray and seconded by Mary Blake. A vote was taken, and Ruth Lyles-Bailey was approved as Parliamentarian.

The Chair tabled the Standing and Special Committees discussion after plans and goals for the New Year are established.

- IX. Public comments were shared regarding the November Board of Commissioners public comment agenda item, transportation program changes and Youth Commissioner participation in the legislative process.
- X. There will be no December Meeting. The Chair will contact new leadership to schedule a planning meeting for the New Year.
- XI. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stephanie Fiber Sutton and seconded by Mary Blake. The meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.

Ladisa Onyiliogwu, Secretary

Approved 02/17/25 LO